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## A Siberian Exile's Surprise

(Original.)

Chauncey Eaton of New York was a high roller. He spent money like a king, was generous, impulsive and knew no such word as fear or fall.

While abroad Chauncey had three meetings with a girl of twenty, the daughter of a Russian nobleman. The first and second meetings were social; the third was seeing her marched with an exile gang to Siberia.

There is a place in that cold country called Kara, where there are gold mines and prisons. The prisoners are worked in the mines, curiously enough producing in misery the wherewithal for the bureaucrats of Russia to live in luxury. One morning an American appeared at the headquarters of the colonel commanding the prisons and, announcing himself as Chauncey Eaton, correspondent for one of the great New York newspapers, requested permission to inspect the prisons. The colonel received him politely and showed him all he cared to have him see. Eaton made an excuse of writing up his notes to remain there some time. He was lodged with a subordinate prison official, whom he felt sure the colonel had ordered to watch his every movement.

One day Eaton took his traveling equipage and visited the outpost on the main road leading southward. There he spent some time with the commandant, and when he left said to the officer:

"The Journal I represent pays for everything it gets. The information you have given me is invaluable. I therefore leave with you this bag of gold, containing 5,000 rubles."

The officer looked at the American in astonishment, but took the bag.

"I do not desire that my papers shall be examined before I leave. I shall pass here some night with them packed in a box under the robes in the bottom of the vehicle. Look carefully under the front seat and you will find a bag containing another 5,000 rubles."

The officer said nothing, but gave the journalist a look that satisfied him.

That night Eaton, declaring that he was tired, went to his room early. When all were asleep he made a rope ladder of his bedclothing and silently let himself from his window, landing in deep snow. Then he stole away and walked rapidly to a clump of bushes some distance down the road. They comprised the "free command," and in them dwelt such political exiles as had served their terms in prison.

Approaching one of the huts, he rapped softly on the door and an old woman replied to the summons.

"Is Elizabeth Kaiturin here?"

"Yes."

Without waiting for an invitation, he entered and shut the door. The woman barred it and lighted a lamp.

"In there," she said, pointing. "She is ill in bed."

"Yes; I know. But for that she would be in prison. I have learned all about her; both in Russia and since I came here."

Eaton went into the other room, where a girl sat up in bed. She stared at him with great lustrous eyes and, taking him for a visiting official, said:

"I'm not well enough to go back to prison yet; indeed I'm not."

Then the old woman held up the candle and the invalid recognized Chauncey Eaton.

"I have come for you," he said.

"Why?"

"Because I love you."

"But you knew me only a week!" gasped the astonished girl.

"That was enough."

Eaton spent an hour in the hut—he dared not stay longer—during which he told the girl of a plan he had conceived to rescue her. Then he left her to return to his room, climbing by his improvised rope.

The next day he gave orders for his horses to be ready at 11 o'clock that night and spent the day in an agony of suspense. At the appointed hour he was at the stable.

"Drive to the junction of the roads leading from here and the 'free command,'" he said, "and wait till I come."

Ten minutes later Eaton was at the hut of Elizabeth Kaiturin and found her dressed and expecting him. Taking her in his arms, he carried her through the darkness to his sleigh and placed her in the bottom, concealed by robes.

On reaching the outpost he was stopped by the sentinel on guard, but called for the commandant, who recognized him, searched the front part of the sleigh and, withdrawing a bag, gave permission to proceed.

Not far from the outpost Eaton ordered the driver to turn northeastward and, skirting the base of the mountains, shortly before daylight struck a point on Kara bay where his yacht was riding at anchor. Eaton gave a signal, and a boat came ashore and took them to the yacht. Steam had been kept up for a week, and the anchor was no sooner raised than the little craft, painted lead color to be the less readily seen, steamed away through the Arctic ocean. During the day they touched on the Swedish coast for a hasty marriage ceremony and thence away again, not stopping till they reached old England.

There they remained till the young wife regained her health; then the yacht was again brought into requisition, and the pair steamed across the Atlantic. One morning Chauncey Eaton, after an absence of two years, turned up in New York with his Russian bride, whom he presented with much pride to his mother.

"What are you going to do next, Chauncey?" she asked.

"Settle down."

"Good!" she exclaimed and embraced his bride.

F. A. MITCHELL.

## Earthquakes and Volcanoes.

The great Indian earthquake of a short time ago, which caused the loss of many lives, seems to have been a warning of another convulsion with the earth's crust similar to that which caused such a terrific cataclysm in the West Indies three years ago and was accompanied by other manifestations at various points on the earth's surface. Now comes word that Mount Pelee is again in eruption, thus far in a moderate degree, but with hints of continuing activity which may develop into another tremendous outburst. In the island of Guadeloupe earthquakes have recently occurred, and the volcano of La Soufriere, on the island of St Vincent, has lately been in slight eruption. Seismologists are intently watching the symptoms of a coming discharge of the molten contents of the earth's crust in great volume and perhaps with tragic results.

The eruptions of 1902, marked by the destruction of the city of St. Pierre on Martinique, afforded scientists a field of research and an abundance of materials which were welcomed in the hope of developing a more satisfactory theory of these occasional disturbances. After a close examination of the evidence then supplied, certain eminent European and American students of this branch of knowledge have put forth as their latest belief the assertion that the volcanic eruptions are not caused by shiftings in the pressure of the earth's crust, but rather that the shiftings are the result of the discharge of the gases which have accumulated in the molten interior. Formerly many held to the view that sudden descent of the waters of the ocean or of some other considerable body of water into the heated interior caused the quick production of steam which demanded outlet and forced open the vents which had previously been formed, styled volcanoes. This theory is rejected by many leading seismologists, and the line of cause and effect is run by them in the reverse direction. Instead of the oceans causing the volcanic eruptions, they aver, the eruptions are in reality the cause of the oceans. The discharge of gases from the molten interior, they claim, gave the cooling earth in the first stages of its solidifying process its moisture by condensation, and thus water was added to the components of this sphere.

Whatever may be the chain of circumstances leading to the present condition, it is demonstrated by many proofs that the earth's interior is still in a highly heated state; that it is gradually cooling; that eruptions are less frequent now than in earlier ages, and that there remain sufficient volcanic forces at work to give rise occasionally to disturbances of immeasurable violence, rendering life in the vicinity of the chimneys and along the lines of surface-quaking extremely hazardous. It is assured that science cannot learn enough from the volcanoes as to the nature of their periodical activities to enable man to check these eruptions. But it may learn something that will enable man to foresee the eruptions more distinctly and sufficiently in advance to give a saving warning; and perhaps some day a way may be found to harness to man's uses some of the force that is expended in blowing out the corks at these vents and relieving the pressure upon the interior of the crust.

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